MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 2nd May 2025 at 10.00am at Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood.

PRESENT: Cllr Philip Day (Chairman)

Cllr Gareth DeBoos (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Luke Dadford Cllr Mary DeBoos Cllr Rae Frederick Cllr Peter Kelleher Cllr Glenys Turner

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk

Nicola Vodden, Office Manager

ABSENT: Cllr Janet Georgiou

Cllr James Swyer

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present for an agenda items.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Georgiou and Swyer.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Although it was not a declarable pecuniary interest, Cllr Dadford made the Committee aware of a personal connection in relation to planning application 24/01362Full and would not take part in discussion of the application.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2025, having been circulated, be

approved and signed as a correct record.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: That the observations summarised in *Annex A* be submitted and the decisions

under delegated powers be noted.

ACTION Nicola Vodden

P/6436

STRATEGIC SITES

Page 1 of 3 Chairman's ir Land off Crow Lane / Crow Arch Lane (Beaumont Park) – There was no update.

Land north of Hightown Road (21/10042) – There was no update.

Land north of Hightown Road (21/10042) – NFDC were consulting on new documents submitted. The application was considered earlier in the meeting (P/6435 refers) and the Council's response was agreed for submission.

<u>Land off Moortown Lane (21/11723 and 23/10707)</u> – There was no update.

Market Place and Meeting House Lane (23/11255) – There was no update.

Snails Lane (25/10114) – Responses to the application had been received from the Environment Agency, HCC Lead Local Flood Authority and Natural England who all require further information.

RESOLVED: That the update on Strategic Sites be noted.

P/6437

REVIEW OF BUS SHELTERS

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report (Annex B) and the two recommendations therein. Thanks were extended to the Grounds team for their help in maintaining and cleaning the bus shelters. The County Councillor has been asked to support the Council's pursuit of funding from HCC for bus shelters.

RECOMMENDED TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the asbestos survey of the roofs of the four brick bus shelters be carried out, as well as the repairs to the shelter in Southampton Road, at a total cost of £1,081, and that this be funded from CIL funds held by the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That other work on the action plan continue, including seeking sponsorship for repair of the taxi shelter, but that a decision on whether to proceed with replacement of shelters in Gorley Road and North Poulner Road be deferred until the results of the asbestos survey and the likelihood of obtaining funds from HCC are known.

ACTION Jo Hurd

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PROJECTS (current and proposed)

RESOLVED: That the update in relation to projects (*Annex C*) be noted.

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NFDC/NFNPA PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was noted that NFDC's Planning Committee will next meet on 14th May 2025 and Members would be notified of any Ringwood applications to be considered when the agenda is issued.

RESOLVED: That the date of the next meeting be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:14pm.

RECEIVED 28th May 2025

APPROVED 6th June 2025

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.

Annex A to Planning, Town Environment Committee Minutes 2nd May 2025 Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFDC

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
21/10042	Land North Of, Hightown Road, Hightown, Ringwood. BH24 3DY	Outline planning application for up to 400 dwellings and 3 hectares of employment (Class E c and g and B2), access, open space, landscaping, alternative natural recreational greenspace (ANRG) and drainage attenuation (Outline Application with details only of Access)	Refusal (4)	Refer to full response submitted 2nd May 2025.
24/11044	33 High Street, Ringwood, BH24 1AD	Partial reconstruction of the rear elevation (part retrospective); replace existing fenestration; reinstate tile hanging, repairs to the front fenestration and bay; new timber fascia.	Permission (1)	
25/10324	9, New Road, Ringwood. BH24 3AU	Roof alterations to remove front Clipped Gable (Jerkinhead Gable) and alteration of front window at first floor level.	Permission (1)	

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Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
25/10391	27 Woodford Close, Ringwood. BH24 1UT	Demolition of existing garage and carport. Construction of single storey side flat roof extension, consisting of utility room and store room.	Permission (1)	
25/10392	33, Hurst Road, Ringwood. BH24 1AX	Replacement of existing conservatory with singlestory flat roof extension; rear dormer window to facilitate creation of second floor	Permission (1)	

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21/10042 – Land North of Hightown Road – Re-consultation

Observation from Ringwood Town Council – 2 May 2025

Recommendation: Refusal (4)

The Town Council has considered the amended application and maintains its objection. In further support of the same, please find attached two more detailed documents relating to the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan and the Viability Assessment regarding the proposed reduction in the number of affordable dwellings (which we strongly oppose).

Ringwood now has a fully made Neighbourhood Plan and we would like to remind members that the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan and its policies are now an integral part of the NFDC Development Plan. Further, its policies are based on more up-to-date evidence than the Local Plan Part 1 policies. We reiterate that since it was voted for in a referendum on the same day as a general election it has the greatest democratic mandate of any of the policies in the Development Plan. As such it has full weight and should be fully taken into account in regard to any application in the parish of Ringwood.

We continue to be concerned about the environmental changes that have led to increased flooding on the site, which appears not to have been addressed. Our recent response to the applicant's Technical Report dealing with Flood Risk Matters is attached again for reference. It is noted that the Environment Agency's response to the current Snails Lane planning application (25/10114) refers to the data being 5 years old and recommends the applicant updates the hydrology and modelling. The data for this site is 8 years old, supporting our request for new data to be collected and full re-modelling.

Our previous objection, made on 4 October 2024, is not superseded and we continue to have concerns about the alteration of flood mitigation measures (including the deletion of all features on the north western boundary) on the amended plans submitted at that time.

We add that we are disappointed that the applicant, its agents and officers have not engaged with the Town Council to discuss our many concerns and reserve the right to make further observations once we have the officer's report for the committee meeting.

Comments on Review of Ringwood Made Neighbourhood Plan



With reference to the additional document from Lucid Planning (Review of Ringwood Made Neighbourhood Plan, March 2025) now available for planning application 21/10042 regarding NFDC Development Plan Policies R1, R5, R6, R8, R9, R10 and R11.

Policy Status

There has been a material change since outline permission was granted. Ringwood now has a fully made Neighbourhood Plan and we would like to remind members that the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan and its policies are now an integral part of the NFDC Development Plan. Further, its policies are based on more up-to-date evidence than the Local Plan Part 1 policies. Finally, we reiterate that since it was voted for in a referendum on the same day as a general election it has the greatest democratic mandate of any of the policies in the Development Plan. As such it has full weight and should be fully taken into account in regard to any application in the parish of Ringwood.

This has a bearing on the document from Lucid Planning. In summary, they are claiming that either they comply or that the policies are not relevant, or they may do something about them later!!

Development Plan Policies R5, R8 and R10

Of particular importance for the application at this stage are:

- The claim that HOU1 takes precedent over R5, which we know is clearly wrong as was pointed out by Dr Chris Treleaven in his presentation to NFDC PC on 21/11723. R5 calls for the number of small dwellings to be greater than 50% of the total. From the information provided in Supplementary Financial Viability Assessment (FVA), April 2025, they are proposing 45% 1 and 2 bed dwellings (50/200 private and 130/200 affordable as on page 4). Not only is this not 50% it is only 25% of the open market housing and hence does not address the need in Ringwood where, quote, "the aim of this policy is therefore to diversify the local housing stock to prioritise two broad local housing markets single people and young families new to the housing market and retirees whose opportunity to downsize may be limited and hence the need to satisfy the increased demand for both smaller and lower cost dwellings to generally improve choice."
- R8 requires a Building for a Healthy Life Assessment. Lucid claim this has been superceded, but it hasn't been in relation to Development Plan policies, so there is still a compliance need. We are concerned that making it part of reserved matters would give Ringwood Town Council no opportunity to comment which is not within the spirit of having Ringwood specific policies in our view.
- The comments on R10 are not unexpected given that Taylor-Wimpey objected to this policy as part of the statutory consultation, however the Examiner agreed with Ringwood Town Council and hence it must now be taken into account. From the information in the FVA document, it appears that Taylor-Wimpey are planning to build house types that have been built elsewhere and so they will already have the space heating demand figures and for any new designs, they will undoubtedly have predicted figures. We are dismayed that Lucid is quoting the Taylor-Wimpey 2035 targets, this shows a complete lack of understanding of the policy, rather than agreeing to provide existing space heating demand figures.

Summary

For these reasons Ringwood Town Council does not believe that the Lucid document is an acceptable response to the recently adopted NFDC Development Plan policies relating to the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan. We trust and expect the Planning Officer to agree with us. Further, we would ask that, until the applicant engages properly with these policies, any amendments to this application are not granted.



Comments on Supplemental Financial Viability Assessment

With reference to the additional document from Chesters Harcourt (Consideration of Supplemental Financial Viability Assessment, April 2025) now available for planning application 21/10042.

Summary

Ringwood Town Council are not experts on viability assessments however, we believe there are some fundamental issues with this document. The assessment results in a significantly reduced proportion of Affordable Housing based on 2 key points:

- 1. That the growth in house prices is not as expected by the applicant, however this appears to be in relation to larger properties and hence we question whether the applicant has considered an R5 policy compliant housing mix which might mitigate this?
- 2. The Land value, changing from about £5M to about £13M and resultant increase in interest payments. But it is important to point to Government guidance on viability*. It states: "Where viability assessment is used to inform decision making under no circumstances will the price paid for land be a relevant justification for failing to accord with relevant policies in the plan."

We request a corrected version of the document is uploaded on to the portal along with the previous viability assessment from December 2023.

More detailed observations are included in the Appendix below.

For the above reasons we urge officers to work with the applicant to address these points as well as our more detailed observations. Until these matters have been addressed, we do not believe that the applicant's desire to reduce the amount of affordable housing should be accepted.



Appendix

General observations

The document on the portal contains numerous 'typos' not corrected by the author, their management at Chesters Harcourt or Taylor-Wimpey. The second sentence in 3.2.1 makes no sense. The redacted data make it difficult to interrogate the credibility of much of the input in the spreadsheets. Some pages are not legible. The phosphate mitigation references the Britford scheme. However, this scheme was viewed by NFDC in their 'Nutrient Neutrality Briefing Note' from December 2024 as, quote, "it is looking increasingly unlikely that the scheme will come forward". These inaccuracies should not be acceptable to NFDC and Officers should insist on a corrected, legible document being provided for portal upload.

Private Residential Values

The author states in section 3.4.1 that "values have clearly adjusted since the last assessment". Report Appendix 4 contains a 'House Price Report for Ringwood – December 2023 to December 2024'. The graph shows changes dependant on the type of property ranging from -19% for 'Detached' to +46% for 'Flat'. Is this 'clearly adjusted'? If so, in what way? One could be forgiven for suggesting that Taylor-Wimpey would do well to be compliant with RNP Policy R5, smaller housing, as this would appear to be where the price growth is and that would be in line with the local knowledge of the Town Council. The small print below the graph states "Due to the small amount of data available for this graph it may appear to be erratic". The implication is that the trends are not statistically significant, despite being smoothed as "3-month rolling averages". It goes on to state "To gain a better picture of the Selling Prices in this area please see House Prices Report in Hampshire". However, that data are not in the report. The author does mention Rightmove and the Land Registry and references Appendix 5. However, Appendix 5 does not show data supporting a statistically significant local trend. The document reflects an opinion of the author, albeit a professional opinion. He goes on to state "this demonstrates a significant fall in values overall and particularly in the larger family unit types". If he is right, this again points to Taylor-Wimpey changing the housing mix to something R5 compliant to maintain viability.

Tables 9 and 10

Detailed analysis is limited to Table 9 and Table 10, the summary 'spreadsheets'.

Table 9 is repeated in Appendix 6 along with more detailed information in a barely legible spreadsheet and page 35 is not legible at all, which means the comments herein are regarding Table 9, not the supporting documentation.

Appendix A below shows the numbers in Table 9 transferred into a spreadsheet, which was done in order to more easily interrogate them. The green script is cross checking for errors. The orange script tends to be questions. The red script relates to important points. For Table 9, the crucial thing is that the profit line is 15.96%, so within the 15-20% Government guidance envelope and suggests no change is required.

Table 10 looks at the situation where the Affordable Housing (AF) provision is reduced to 28% from the policy compliant 50%. The spreadsheet version is shown in Appendix B with comments in red. Many of the input numbers have changed and it is not clear why. The most remarkable is the Land value, changing from about £5M to about £13M. In section 3.10, the author states "Our opinion of the Bench Mark Land Value (BLV) remains at a sum we believe reflects the level upon which a landowner is prepared to sell at this location". It doesn't say 'our opinion is that the BLV has more than doubled'. The impact of the changes hits the profit. Even at 28% AF, it's less than £18M.



Appendix C shows the figures used in Table 9 and the AF provision of Table 10, so that there is a more equal comparison between 50% and 28% AF. This shows that with the inputs of Table 9 and the changes related to 28% AF, the profit rises to over 25%. This is outside of the Government guidance 15-20% envelope.

Alternatively, the BLV may be wrong in Table 9, but this is not stated by the author. If the 'Land' figure is changed from £4.9M to £13.0M, then the profit drops to 12.5%, outside the Government Guidance envelope. With the increase in interest, the profit drops even lower. But it is important to point to Government guidance on viability.' It states: "Where viability assessment is used to inform decision making under no circumstances will the price paid for land be a relevant justification for failing to accord with relevant policies in the plan." The Town Council trusts that Officers will agree with our analysis.

Summary

Ringwood Town Council suggests that this viability appraisal is aimed at justifying the changes that occur between Table 9 and Table 10, which appear to be instigated by Taylor-Wimpey. It would be helpful if the earlier viability assessment (from 18th December 2023) is put on the portal, along with a version of this assessment with the errors corrected. We trust that Officers will facilitate. If these actions are taken, the Town Council will be able to provide a more comprehensive response regarding viability.

^{*}www.gov.uk/guidance/viability#:~:text=Viability%20assessment%20is%20a%20process%2 Oof%20assessing,more%20than%20the%20cost%20of%20developing%20it.&text=To%20d efine%20land%20value%20for%20any%20viability,land%2C%20plus%20a%20premium%2 Ofor%20the%20landowner



Chesters Harcourt,	April 2025							
Table 9 Summary - De	cember 2024							
50% Affordable		Units	saleable saft	average saft	average sqm	£/sqft	Total (£)	Running Tot
GDV	Market	200	210173	1051		449	94440000	
	First Homes	0						
	Affordable	200	175054	875		217	38029620	
	Commercial						3353000	
	Total	400	385227			GDV	135822620	135822620
	Check	400	385227	1926			135822620	
Sales % GDV	2.18 Marketing, s	ales & legal fe	ees, post sale supp	port			2957765	132864855
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			GIA sqft		£			
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Fees	4%		-	standard build			2380708	70966438
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Abnormals		on plot (£)	4268912					
		S106/CIL (£)	8598438					
		Abnormals (£)	28830631					
						Total	41697981	29268457
						Check	41697981	
Interest	Build & Land		6.00	%			2412451	26856006
						Check	2501879	
Profit	Blended		15.96	% of total GDV	,		21672727	5183279
	Dictional		25.50			Check		32032.3
						Total so far	68163867	
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Acquisition Costs			5.25	70			258548	4924/31
Land							4924730	1



Table 10 Summary -	December 2024								
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	First Homes	0	20112	075			22077400	-	Looks like just moved some AF to Market
	Affordable	112	99112	875		241	23877480		Changed from £217 to £241 - why?
		Check	98030						
	Commercial						3353000		
	Total	400	385227			GDV	154580480	154580480	
	Check	400	385227	1926			154580480		
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		S106/CIL (£)	9450675						Change from £8,598,438 to £9,450,675 - why?
		Abnormals (£)							
		,				Total	42550218	46375196	
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Interest	Build & Land		6.00	%			5300170	41075026	Change from £2,412,451 to £5,300,170 - why?
						Check	2553013		
Profit	Blended		17.73	% of total GDV	,		27405599	13669427	
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Acquisition Costs			5.25	%			681848	12987579	Gone up from £258,548 to £681,848 - why? Because land cost has gone up
Land							12987579	0	Gone up from £4,924,730 to £12,987,579 - why?



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	First Homes	0							
	Affordable	112	99112	875		217	21507304		Changed back to £217
		Check	98030						
	Commercial						3353000		
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Ringwood Town Council Response to PFA Technical Note – Lynes Farm Flood Mitigation – 7 April 2025

Planning Application 21/10042 – Strategic Site 14 – Land North of Hightown Road

The PFA Technical Note (Aug 2024), responding to Cllr Janet Georgiou's report "Flood Mitigation Measures for the Lynes Farm Development" (7 May 2024), does not address the core issue raised: **the flood modelling is based on outdated and incomplete data**.

To clarify:

- The councillor's report does not question the modelling methods or the application of Sequential or Exception tests.
- It also does not suggest wrongdoing by the developer or the Environment Agency.
- The report does highlight that the baseline data (particularly groundwater levels from 2017) are now out of date and should be updated before development proceeds.

The Environment Agency acknowledged in a 2022 email that the data was only "just within the time frame." It is now March 2025—more than seven years since the data were collected, and 30 months since that warning. No rain gauges are installed on-site, and the surface water modelling is based on comparable sites elsewhere in the UK.

HCC Flood Lead's documents state that data should be re-taken at 5 to 6 year intervals to make sure that the most up-to-date data informs any flood mitigation calculations before any application for development is approved.

Since 2017:

- Multiple localised flooding events have occurred, including around the Elm Tree pub in November 2023, which have not been factored into any updated modelling.
- New springs have emerged within and around the site since 2020, also unaccounted for in existing assessments.
- These are all documented in the councillor's report but not acknowledged in the PFA Technical Note.

Moreover, the RPS report for Taylor Wimpey (Feb 2019), on which much of the modelling relies, undertook no groundwater sampling, and does not clarify which data were used, presumably the same 2017 dataset.

The PFA's continued reliance on a 2019 model and a 2023 addendum does not address the new conditions on the ground, nor the risk posed to properties at or below site level. A SUDs pool was also removed from the latest site plan, worsening potential off-site impacts.



Our Requests

Given the evidence and new circumstances presented, we respectfully but firmly ask that:

- 1. New groundwater and surface water data are collected on-site immediately.
- 2. A full re-modelling of the Flood Risk Assessment be undertaken using the updated data.
- 3. The Environment Agency and NFDC review and reconsider their position in light of post-2017 flood events and changes to the landscape.
- 4. Mitigation measures be reviewed to ensure neighbouring properties are not adversely affected by site development.

As the Environment Agency itself has stated, modelling is a "best estimate" based on available data. A dataset now more than seven years old cannot provide a reliable or responsible foundation for development of this scale.



Annex A to Planning, Town Environment Committee Minutes 2nd May 2025 Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFNPA

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
24/01362FULL	Christmas Tree Farm, Hangersley Hill, Hangersley, Ringwood. BH24 3JR	Replacement dwelling; outdoor pool; garage; outbuilding; demolition of existing dwelling (AMENDED PLANS & DOCUMENTS)	Refusal (4)	The Committee make this recommendation due to the application being contrary to RNP Policy R10 zero carbon buildings as a predicted energy statement has not been submitted. Should the applicant submit the relevant documentation and demonstrate compliance with the policy, it would be content to change the recommendation from R(4) to R(2) recommending refusal, but would accept the Planning Officer's decision. There was some concern about the change in location of the replacement dwelling as this took it further away from the retained cottage. In addition, it was unclear if the proposal complied with the 30% rule. If permitted, the Committee required conditions be added to prevent the cottage being used as a separate dwelling (Grannys' Law), that conditions be imposed as outlined in the ecological report and to prevent deliberate removal of trees, so that the screening from neighbouring properties would be retained. Any trees removed are to be replaced with suitable specimens.

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Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
24/01421FULL	Greenslade Farm, Cowpitts Lane, Poulner Common, Ringwood. BH24 3JX	Replacement dwelling; 1no. outbuilding; pool; demolish existing dwelling and 1no. outbuilding (AMENDED PLANS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)	Refusal (4)	The Committee make this recommendation due to the application being contrary to RNP Policy R10 zero carbon buildings, as the predicted energy statement has not been submitted. Should the applicant submit the relevant documentation and demonstrate compliance with Policy, it would be content to change the recommendation from R(4) to P(1).
25/00471CONS	Homestead, Burcombe Lane, Hangersley, Ringwood. BH24 3JT	Prune 1 x group of 3 Hawthorn trees (G1 on the plan) Prune 1 x Yew tree (T1 on the plan)	Permission (1)	
25/00473CONS	Blackberry Hill, Cowpitts Lane, North Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 3JX	Prune 1 x group of 4 English Oak trees (G1 on the plan)	Permission (1)	

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Applications decided under delegated powers: to be noted on 2nd May 2025

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Decision
CONS/25/0 151	30 Christchurch Road, Ringwood. BH24 1DN	Leyland Cypress x 1 Fell	3.4.25 P(1) Recommend permission, but would accept the Tree Officer's decision.
24/10245	Land rear of Willow Cottage, Hightown Road, Hightown, Ringwood. BH24 3DY	Erection of x2no. identical detached dwellings; x2no. ev charging spaces	Request from Planning Officer to consider agreeing to her reasons for refusing the application. On 4.4.25 It was agreed under delegated powers for the Planning Officer to proceed ss suggested. Original recommendation made on 5.7.24 R(4) refusal. The Committee felt the amended proposals would still result in overdevelopment of the site and there continues to be a lack of amenity space for plot 2. In addition, there is no flood risk assessment and it is understood that this site is in Flood Zone 3
24/10536	79 Eastfield Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1UN	Erection of 2 properties with access and parking	Request from Planning Officer to consider agreeing to her reasons for refusing the application . On 4.4.25 It was agreed under delegated powers for the Planning Officer to proceed ss suggested. Original recommendation made on 2.8.24 R(4) refusal. The Committee made reference to the previous reasons for refusal of application 22/11193 and indicated that all issues had not been addressed. In addition, the application is contrary to the Ringwood Local Distinctiveness Plan SPD as it would erode the character of the area which is signified as a long row of properties with long gardens, with the gaps between properties also being an important feature.
24/11105	2, Market Place, Ringwood. BH24 1AW	RE-consultation:- Part-demolition, refurbishment, alteration and change of use of No. 2 Market Place to create commercial floorspace (Use Class E) and 11no. residential dwellings (Use Class C3); demolition of car wash building and erection of 1no. residential dwelling; provision of associated landscaping, car and cycle parking spaces and associated works (AMENDED REASON TO ADVERTISE)	10.4.25 P(3) Recommend permission. No change to the comments made 10.1.25 Members welcomed the developer's engagement with the Council from an early stage and throughout the planning process. As a result, the application complies with all relevant Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) policies, with the exception of R6 (First Homes). They were appraised of the viability report and understood the financial situation, therefore accepting that no affordable housing or First Homes could be delivered as part of this development. However, they were pleased to see the small housing proposed, which is in line with RNP Policy R5. They were concerned that, if this application fails, the whole development could be at risk and they felt it was more important for the vitality of the town to bring the building back in to use, therefore regenerating and enhancing the Market Place, in line with RNP Policy R3. The Predicted Energy Statement accompanying the application was commended as an excellent example of evidencing compliance with RNP Policy R10. It was noted that the current application proposes uPVC windows on the front elevation, and a condition is requested requiring these windows to be timber framed.

REPORT - PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 2 MAY 2025

Review of Bus Shelters

1. INTRODUCTION AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 Following a presentation from a member of the public requesting improvements to some of the Council's bus shelters, and the subsequent offer from Hampshire County Council for their framework contractor to carry out a survey at no cost, it was agreed in October 2023 to add a review of Council owned bus shelters to the list of current projects for this Committee (P/6212 refers).
- 1.2 Since then, the survey has been undertaken, an Action Plan prepared, details of costings sought, and some minor works have been undertaken. Work has also been carried out to ascertain the number of people waiting at some shelters, and there has been liaison with Hampshire County Council regarding possible funding.

2. CURRENT STATUS

- 2.1 The Action Plan was previously presented to this Committee in December 2024 (P/6375 refers). This has since been updated and is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 2.2 The two shelters in Gorley Road and North Poulner Road were identified in the survey as being in very poor condition, and quotes have been obtained for their replacement. The cost of replacing the Gorley Road shelter with a larger shelter with seating, and associated groundworks, will be in the region of £8,000. It is possible there is asbestos in the lining under the roof tiles of the brick shelter in North Poulner Road. If asbestos is confirmed, the cost to replace this shelter will be in excess of £8,000. The Southampton Road shelter was identified for replacement by New Forest Labour Women's Group following the observational survey of usage, however this is not felt to be a priority at this time.
- 2.3 Four of the shelters are constructed of brick (North Poulner Road, Salisbury Road (both sides of the road) and Mansfield Road) and it is possible there is asbestos in the lining under the roof tiles. The cost of surveying the roofs will be £395. If asbestos is confirmed, any recommended repairs/replacement will need to be considered further.
- 2.4 There are various other recommended works outlined in the Action Plan including the replacement of damaged and missing panels on the shelter in Southampton Road, at a cost of £686.
- 2.5 Works are also required to the taxi shelter in Meeting House Lane, and sponsorship of this is actively being sought.
- 2.6 It should be noted that costs are estimated at this stage, and it may be necessary to obtain further quotations, and to investigate other costs such as HCC permits/licences.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 A minimal amount of £200 is included in this Committee's budget for bus shelters, and a further £100 for built environment furniture. As we are at the beginning of the financial year, it is recommended that these budgets are retained for any incidentals arising during the year.

- 3.2 The current unallocated amount of CIL contributions held by the Council is £22,448. This could be used for the purpose of purchasing and/or making improvements to bus shelters, although it should be noted there are likely to be other calls on this fund.
- 3.3 NFDC also holds CIL funds and the Council could submit a bid when the next funding window opens. It should be noted that submitting a bid requires us to commit all unallocated CIL funds held by this Council.
- 3.4 Hampshire County Council previously advised that funds from the Bus Service Improvement Plan would be made available to town and parish councils to submit bids for improvements to bus shelters. Unfortunately, this is not now the case. However, officers have advised there may still be funds available, although the timescale for this is uncertain.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is RECOMMENDED:
 - That the asbestos survey of the roofs of the four brick shelters be carried out, as well as the repairs to the shelter in Southampton Road, at a total cost of £1,081, and that this be funded from CIL funds held by the Town Council.
 - ii) That other work on the action plan continue, including seeking sponsorship for repair of the taxi shelter, but that a decision on whether to proceed with replacement of shelters in Gorley Road and North Poulner Road be deferred until the results of the asbestos survey and the likelihood of obtaining funds from HCC are known.

For further information, please contact:

Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk 01425 484721 Jo.hurd@ringwood.gov.uk As at 3 April 2025

No	Location / Bus Service	Туре	Work/Action Required	Who will action	Update
1	Eastfield Lane Ringo 1 & 2	Cantilever	Secure panels with mastic and replace missing rivets	RTC Grounds Team	
			Full clean and removal of graffiti	RTC Grounds Team to remove graffiti NFLWG to clean	
2	Gorley Road Ringo 1 & 2	Cantilever	Replacement shelter required (larger in size as well-used)	JH to obtain quote for new 3-bay shelter, to include accessible seating.	£6,319 to supply and install 3-bay full end panel shelter with solid roof, solid lower rear panels and 2-bay bench seat with handles. The concrete base will need to be extended at a further cost of £1,648.10. May be additional cost for HCC permit/licence.
			If no funding for replacement in short term, look to clean, paint and possibly replace missing panel with plywood temporarily to keep weather out	RTC Grounds Team / NFLWG	Work carried out by NFLWG and Men's Shed – 02/02/2025
			If replacement possible, look at possibility of cutting back surrounding trees	JH to establish tree ownership with HCC	Trees look to be on HCC highway land.
3	Mansfield Road Morebus C15	Brick	Asbestos check required for lining under roof tiles		Quote to survey 4 shelters £395
	(Burgate to Brockenhurst College – term time only)		Refurbishment to include stain protection of roof timbers/fascias, removal of graffiti, removal of moss from roof	RTC Grounds Team (low priority due to minimal use)	
4	North Poulner Road Ringo 1 & 2	Brick	Investigate possibility of complete replacement?	JH to obtain quote for new 2- bay shelter (demolition of existing will be required)	If replacement agreed, note the fence behind has been erected around the existing shelter so liaison with

			Asbestos check required for lining under roof tiles		property owner will be required. £5,570.35 to supply and install 2-bay half end panel shelter with solid rear panels. Removal of existing shelter (based on asbestos having been confirmed and removed by others) is an additional £2,574.50. Quote to survey 4 shelters £395. If asbestos is confirmed, there will be an additional
			Denoir / replace broken and missing roof	Doofing contractor?	cost to remove.
			Repair / replace broken and missing roof tiles	Roofing contractor?	
			Repair / replace fascia boards	??	
			Remove graffiti	RTC Grounds Team	
			Provide litter bin (litter currently picked up on a regular basis by a member of NFLWG)	Obtain quote for supply and installation if RTC agrees to provide and empty, only if shelter replaced	
5	Salisbury Road (N)	Brick	Asbestos check required for lining under roof tiles		Quote to survey 4 shelters £395
	X3		Fix loose roof tiles	??	
			Repair / replace fascia boards and roof timbers	??	
			Request from user for bench on verge	Obtain quote for new bench,	HCC agreed to install
			adjacent to shelter (similar to existing	as an alternative to seat	concrete base. RTC has a
			adjacent to south bound shelter) – this	inside shelter.	bench the same as the one
			stop is well used by residents heading to Salisbury (usually 5 people waiting on		beside the shelter on the other side of the road, and
			Saturday mornings, for example)		will install on concrete base.
			Provide litter bin	Obtain quote for supply and	Low priority – monitor and
				installation if RTC agrees to provide and empty	reconsider if necessary.

6	Salisbury Road (S)	Brick	Asbestos check required for lining under roof tiles		Quote to survey 4 shelters £395
	X3		Repair / replace fascia boards and roof timbers	RTC Grounds Team?	
			Provide litter bin	Obtain quote for supply and installation if RTC agrees to provide and empty	Low priority – monitor and reconsider if necessary.
7	Southampton Road 125, Ringo 1 & 2	Cantilever	Replace damaged / missing panels	Obtain quote from supplier	£686 to supply and fit 6 panels, extrusion and gaskets
			Request from NFLWG for replacement 3-bay shelter with accessible seating.	Obtain quote for replacement shelter.	£6,099 to supply and install 3-bay full end panel shelter with solid roof and 2-bay bench seat with arms. No ground works have been allowed for, but base may well need extending at additional cost, plus possible cost for HCC permit/licence. Not considered to be a priority.
			Full clean	RTC Grounds Team / NFLWG	
			Cut back overhanging branches	RTC Grounds Team	
			Timetable shows Ringo and 125	Speak to HCC/Morebus re.	
			services but sign on pole does not show 125 or college services. Gardbus 132 shown but no further information.	updating signage/timetable.	
			Provide litter bin	Obtain quote for supply and installation if RTC agrees to provide and empty	Low priority – monitor and reconsider if necessary.
8	Meeting House Lane Taxi Shelter	Cantilever	Replace damaged panels	JH to obtain quote from supplier	£562 to supply and fit 4 panels, extrusion and gaskets. Proposal to be prepared for Iceland to consider sponshorship.
			Treat and paint seat	RTC Grounds Team	
			Remove sponsorship sign	RTC Grounds Team	

		Remove graffiti	RTC Grounds Team	
		Full clean	RTC Grounds Team / NFLWG	

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RTC – Ringwood Town Council
NFLWG – New Forest Labour Women's Group
JH – Jo Hurd

Current Projects Update

No.	Name	Status	Recent developments	Description and notes	Lead Officer/Member	Financing
Full Cou	ncil					
	No live projects					
Planning	g Town & Environment Committ	ee				
PTE3	Crow Stream Maintenance	Annual recurrent	Spraying of stream banks undertaken 19/06/24, annual flai was carried out in August and stream clearance by volunteers on 3 October. Working with various agencies and local landowners on developing wider project on holding back flood water and increasing outflow.	Annual maintenance of Crow Ditch and Stream in order to keep it flowing and alleviate flooding	Deputy Town Clerk	Budget of £1,000 funded by transfer from earmarked reserve. £960 spent in 2024/25.
PTE6	Shared Space Concept - Thriving Market Place	In progress	Working with NFDC and HCC to move the project forward. Consultation with stakeholders to be arranged, prior to wider public consultation.	Concept for town centre shared space identifed through work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Working in partnership with NFDC and HCC.	Deputy Town Clerk	HCC funded survey work. £10,000 grant from UKSPF (via NFDC). NFDC Cabinet agreed on 02/10/2024 to allocate a share of £4.5 million CIL funds to the scheme.
	Greening Ringwood	In progress	Official launch of Phase 2 held on 20/04/2024 in Gateway Square. Update on activities presented to Committee in September 2024.	Greening Campaign Phase 2 to run from Sept 2023 to July 2024, focussing on making space for nature; energy efficient greener homes; climate impacts on health and wellbeing; waste prevention; and cycle of the seed.		£50 signing up fee funded from General Reserve.
	Bus Shelters	In progress	Action Plan prepared. Awaiting response from HCC about possible funding before proceeding further. Action to install new bench beside shelter in Salisbury Road (A338 northbound) being progressed.	Review of Council owned bus shelters.		No agreed budget
Projects	being delivered by others which are	monitored by the Deputy	Clerk and reported to this committee:			
	Crow Lane Footpath	In progress	Developers' contributions paid to HCC to implement. Additional funds required to progress and approved by NFDC Cabinet on 02/11/2022. HCC working on design, with expected delivery in summer 2025.	New footpath to link Beaumont Park with Hightown Road, alongside west of Crow Lane	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Memorial Bench for Michael Lingam-Willgoss	In progress	Consent to install bench has been granted by HCC. Legal fees covered by County Cllr Thierry. Date for installation yet to be agreed.	Provision of memorial bench in Market Place in memory of Michael Lingam-Willgoss.	Ringwood Carnival / Ringwood Rotary	No financial implications.
Policy &	Finance Committee					
PF5	Poulner Lakes Lease	On hold		Negotiating a lease from Ringwood & District Anglers' Association of the part of the site not owned by the Council	Town Clerk	Some provision for legal advice or assistance may be needed eventually.
PF11	92 Southampton Road	In progress (commenced March 2023)	Vacant possession has been recovered. The planned refurbishment prior to re-letting was delayed by a damaging break-in but is nearing completion.	Reviewing the letting of this council-owned house	Town Clerk	The refurbishment will be funded from the buildings reserve.
Recreati	ion, Leisure & Open Spaces Com	mittee				
RLOS4	Grounds department sheds replacement		The planning application has been submitted and registered.	A feasibility study into replacing the grounds maintenance team's temporary, dispersed & sub-standard workshop, garaging and storage facilities. Combined with a possible new car park for use by hirers of and visitors to the club-house.	Town Clerk	Revised capital budget of £4,000 (originally £10,000 until virement to RLOS19)
RLOS5	Cemetery development	Cancelled January 2024	The proposed columbarium/memorial wall was scrapped following the cemetery base budget review. A panel has been appointed to consider alternative developments when officer time is available.	Planning best use of remaining space, provision for cremated remains, etc.	Town Clerk	Capital costs will be met from a combination of earmarked reserves.
RLOS10	Waste bin replacement programme	In progress (Commenced April 2020)	Future needs are being assessed.	Three-year programme to replace worn-out litter and dogwaste bins	Grounds Manager	Budget of £2,000 a year.

RLOS14	Poulner Lakes waste licence	In progress	The permit surrender application and associated report and forms has been submitted to Environment Agency.	Arranging to surrender our redundant waste licence to avoid annual renewal fees	Town Clerk	One-off costs of about £8,000 will save the council annual recurring charges of about £1,000 each.	
RLOS21	Poulner Lakes track maintenance	discussion since Jan. 2021)	NFDC has developed a concept design of an improved access on the basis that RTC will fund essential maintenance/improvements to the vehicular access element and NFDC will fund the rest. Solicitors are preparing the documents required to resolve the boundary discrepancies.	Devising a sustainable regime for maintaining the access tracks at Poulner Lakes to a more acceptable standard.	Town Clerk	Yet to be settled	
RLOS23	North Poulner Play Area skate ramp request	In progress (commenced Mar. 2023)	The 'half-pipe' ramp is due to be installed early May, with an official opening planned for 29 May.	A local resident requested provision of a 'quarter-pipe ramp' at this site and has been fund-raising for it	Deputy Town Clerk	Total cost of project £16,290 to be funded by various donations (£7,665), an NFDC Community Grant of £5,915 and the remaining £2,710 from CIL funds held by RTC (F/6343 P&F 18/9/24).	
RLOS25	Open Spaces Management Review	Commenced September 2024	The task and finish group has agreed a list of sites and considered practical information about these. Preparation of reports for each site is now in the final stages.	A strategic priority project to review the council's management of all its public open and green spaces	Town Clerk	Staff time only	
RLOS26	Carvers Development Phase 1		A contract for the main elements has been awarded and signed following a public tender. The funding agreement with Veolia Environmental Trust has also been signed and consent to start granted. An order has been placed and the work is expected to be done before the start of the schools summer holiday.		Town Clerk	£73,000 for the main elements. Supported by a £68,072 grant (90% from Veolia Environmental Trust and 10% from RTC's CIL reserve)	
RLOS27	Carvers Clubhouse Solar Panels	Commenced Nov. 2024	Installation has been completed.	Installing photo-voltaic panels on the Clubhouse roof to achieve a long-term saving in energy costs.	Town Clerk	£18,322.50. £15,000 grant from HCC Parishes Fund. £3,322.50 from RTC reserves.	
RLOS28	Skate Park Picnic Tables	Completed in April 2025.	Benches now received and installed.	Replacing the two large picnic tables beside the skate park at Carvers which are beyond further repair	ТВА	Est. £3,000. £750 grant received from Carnival Club. Balance TBA	

Staffing Committee

None

Proposed/Emerging Projects Update

No.	Name	Description	Lead	Progress / Status		Estimated cost	Funding sources	
				Recent developments	Stage reached			
Full Cou	ncil							
	None							

Planning Town & Environment Committee

Roundabout under A31 Planting and other environmental enhancements Area being used by National Highways for Floated as possible future project

Ringwood Society proposal Lynes Lane re-paving Rear of Southampton Road Proposal by Ringwood Society to improve

appearance from The Furlong Car Park and

approaches

Dewey's Lane wall Repair of historic wall

Signage Review Review of signs requiring attention - e.g. Cllr Day

Castleman Trailway, Pocket Park, Gateway

Square

Crow ditch Investigate works required to improve capacity

and flow of ditch alongside Crow Lane, between

Hightown Road and Moortown Lane

storage of materials during works to widen the

A31.

Floated as possible future project

Floated as possible future project

Re-build/repair options and costs are being Shelved as a TC project

investigated

Floated as possible future project

Developers contributions

Policy & Finance Committee

Paperless office Increasing efficiency of office space use Cllr. Heron Discussions with Town Clerk and Finance

Manager

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee

None (Current projects expected to absorb available

resources for several years)

Staffing Committee

None

Closed Projects Report

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No.	Name	Description	Outcome	Notes			
Full Council							
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FC1	Long Lane Football Facilities Development	A joint venture with Ringwood Town Football Club and AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust to improve the football facilities for shared use by them and the community.	New builds completed in September 2024				
FC2	Strategic Plan	Exploring ideas for medium term planning. Aim to have complete for start of budget-planning in Autumn 2022.	Completed in October 2022				
Planning,	, Town & Environment Committee						
	Pedestrian Crossings - Christchurch Road	Informal pedestrian crossings to the north and south of roundabout at junction of Christchurch Road with Wellworthy Way (Lidl)	Completed by HCC				
	Cycleway signage and improvements	New signage and minor improvements to cycleway between Forest Gate Business Park and Hightown Road	Completedby HCC				
	Carvers footpath/cycle-way improvement Replacement Tree - Market Place	Creation of shared use path across Carvers between Southampton Road and Mansfield Road New Field Maple tree to replace tree stump in Market	Completed by HCC Completed in January 2022 by HCC				
		Place.					
PTE4	Climate Emergency	Funds used to support Greening Campaign, community litter-pick and Flood Action Plan leaflets.	Completed March 2023				
	A31 widening scheme	Widening of A31 westbound carriageway between Ringwood and Verwood off slip to improve traffic flow; associated town centre improvements utilising HE Designated Funds	Scheme completed by National Highways and road re-opened in November 2022.				
	SWW Water Main Diversion (associated with A31 widening scheme)	Diversion of water main that runs along the A31 westbound carriageway. Diversion route included land in RTC's ownership at The Bickerley.	Scheme completed by SWW in 2022.				
	Surfacing of Castleman Trailway	Dedication and surfacing of bridleway between old railway bridge eastwards to join existing surfacing.	Surfacing works completed by HCC early April 2022.				
	Bus Shelter Agreement	Request by ClearChannel in Nov. 2020 for RTC to	Request not followed up by				
2755		-	ClearChannel, therefore defunct and removed from project list October 2023.				
PTE5	Human Sundial	Work to refurbish human sundial and install	Completed.				
PTE2	Neighbourhood Dlan	surrounding benches complete. Time capsule cover stone replaced on 21/07/2023. Interpretation board with details of sundial, Jubilee Lamp etc. to be considered as part of Thriving Maret Place project.	Completed but will be manitored and				
	Neighbourhood Plan	The Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan was adopted (made) by NFDC and NFNPA in July 2024 (83% of residents voted "yes" in the Referendum on 04/07/2024) and is now part of the Development Plan for both authorities and must be taken into	Completed, but will be monitored and reviewed.				
PTE1		consideration in the determination of planning applications.					
	Railway Corner	Ringwood Society project to improve and promote historical significance of triangle of land at junction of Hightown Road and Castleman Way.	Completed 2024.				
Policy &	Finance Committee						
PF1	New Council website	Arranging a new website that is more responsive, directly editable by Council staff and compliant with accessibility regulations.	Completed				
PF2	Greenways planning permission	Consideration of applying to renew planning permission for bungalow in garden previously obtained	Decided not to renew				
PF3	Detached youth outreach work	To provide youth workers for trial of detached outreach work	Transferred to Recreation Leisure & Open Spaces Committee (see RLOS20)				
PF4	Review of governance documents	A major overhaul of standing orders, financial regulations, committee terms of reference, delegated powers, etc. Routine periodic reviews will follow completion of this work.	Completed in July 2022	All governance documents will now receive routine annual reviews.			
PF6	Health & Safety Management Support Re-procurement	Re-procuring specialist advice and support for discharge of health and safety duties	Completed in February 2023				
PF7	Financial Procedures Manual	Preparation of a new manual for budget managers and other staff detailing financial roles, responsibilities and procedures	Completed in September 2022	Will be updated by Finance Manager as necessary			
PF8	Bickerley Legal Title	An application to remove land from the Council's title was made	Completed in October 2023	Application successfully resisted			

PF9	Greenways office leases	The tenant of the first floor suite gave notice and left. The building was re-let as a whole to the tenant of the	Completed in November 2022
		ground floor suite.	
PF10	Councillors' Email Accounts	Providing councillors with official email accounts (and devices, if required) to facilitate compliance with data protection laws.	Completed in August 2023
PF12	Base budget review	A review by members and officers of the council's base (revenue) budget, probably focused on a few types of expenditure or areas of activity, to identify possible	Completed in January 2025



		options for change and/or savings.		
Recreati	on, Leisure & Open Spaces Comm	nittee		
RLOS1	War Memorial Repair	Repair by conservation specialists with Listed Building Consent with a re-dedication ceremony after.	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS2	Bickerley Tracks Repair	Enhanced repair of tracks to address erosion and potholes (resurfacing is ruled out by town green status) and measures to control parking.	Fresh gravel laid in 2021-22.	No structural change is feasible at present.
RLOS3	Public open spaces security	Review of public open spaces managed by the Council and implementation of measures to protect the highest priority sites from unauthorised encampments and incursions by vehicles	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS6	Community Allotment	Special arrangement needed for community growing area at Southampton Road	Ongoing processes adapted	Agreed to adopt as informal joint venture with the tenants' association
RLOS7	Bowling Club lease	Renewal of lease that expired in April 2023.	Completed in July 2023	New lease granted for 14 years.
RLOS8	Ringwood Youth Club	Dissolution of redundant Charitable Incorporated Organisation	Completed in July 2023	Charity removed from Register of Charities
RLOS9	Aerator Repair	Major overhaul to extend life of this much-used attachment	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS11	Ash Grove fence repair	Replacing the worn-out fence around the play area	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS12	Van replacement	Replacing the grounds department diesel van with an electric vehicle	Suspended in 2023	Van will be replaced in accordance with Vehicle & Machinery replacement plan
RLOS13	Bickerley compensation claim	Statutory compensation claim for access and damage caused by drainage works	Completed March 2022	Settlement achieved with professional advice
RLOS15	Acorn bench at Friday's Cross	Arranging the re-painting of this bespoke art-work	Completed in 2021-22	Labour kindly supplied by Men's Shed
RLOS16	Town Safe	Possible re-paint of this important survival, part of a listed structure	Suspended indefinitely in September 2022	Complexity and cost judged disproportionate to benefit
RLOS17	Crow Arch Lane Allotments Site	The transfer to this Council (pursuant to a s.106 agreement) of a site for new allotments off Crow Arch Lane	Completed in November 2023	
RLOS18	Cemetery Records Upgrade	Creation of interactive digital cemetery map and scanning of cemetery registers as first stage in digitizing all cemetery records to facilitate remote working, greater efficiancy and improved public accessibility.	Completed in 2021	Cost £5,467. Further upgrades are needed to digitize the records fully
RLOS19	Carvers Masterplan	Devising a strategic vision and plan for the future of Carvers Recreation Ground pulling together proposals for additional play equipment and other features	Completed in 2024 but subject to implementation and review	Completed within the £6,000 budget.
RLOS20	Detached youth outreach work	Trialling the provision of detached outreach work by	Completed in May 2022	
RLOS22	Bickerley parking problem	specialist youth workers. Unauthorised parking on the tracks crossing the Bickerley is causing damage and obstruction	Closed off in September 2023	Additional signage has been installed. An estimate of £5,510 to move the "dragon's teeth" was judged disproportionate to the
RLOS24	Poulner Lakes circular path	HCC has funded the creation of a circular path for pedestrians and cyclists to improve accessibility and so encourage greater use	Completed in May 2024	problem. RTC is now responsible for maintenance
Staffing (Committee			
S1	HR support contract renewal	Renewal of contract for the supply to the Council of specialist human resources law and management support	Completed in 2021-22	
S2	Finance Staffing Review	Reassessing staffing requirements and capacity for finance functions and re-negotiating staff terms	Completed in 2021-22	

finance functions and re-negotiating staff terms